

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the application and these same claims have been finally rejected. Claims 1 – 35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over “The Java™ Architecture for XML Binding (JAXB)” by Fialli et al. (September 2002) herein referred to as Fialli. Applicants herein cancel claims 1 – 35, and present new claims 36 – 70. No new matter is added. As a result, claims 36 through 70 are pending. Further examination and review in view of the amendments and remarks below is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1 – 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Without conceding that claims 1 – 35 were directed towards non-statutory subject matter Applicants have canceled claims 1 – 35. Accordingly the rejection is moot.

Claim Rejections 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

Claim 36 recites:

storing data for one or more applications in a repository, the data stored as objects including content, the objects conforming to a schema that characterizes each object into one or more object types that allows the repository to understand and interpret the content of each object;

receiving at least one request from said one or more applications for specific content; and

retrieving one or more objects that include said specific content for said one or more applications.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 36 as recited patentably defines over Fialli for at least the following reason. For example, claim 36 as recited includes “storing data for

one or more applications in a repository, the data stored as objects conforming to a schema that characterizes each object into one or more object types that allows the repository to understand and interpret the content of each object.” Applicants submit that Fialli does not teach or suggest storing objects that conform to a specific schema in a database, in a way that allows the database to understand and interpret the content contained in the stored objects. As stated in the application “[t]he storage platform of the present invention extends and broadens the concept of data storage beyond existing file systems and database systems, and is designed to be the store for all types of data including structured, non-structured, or semi-structured data.” (Application at [0012]). More specifically, applications such as word processing programs, spreadsheets, email programs, may store their data in the repository and let the repository organize, search, and provide data to applications. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that claim 36 be placed in condition of allowance.

Insomuch as claims 37 through 48 depend directly or indirectly from independent claim 36 they too patentably define over Fialli. Accordingly Applicants request that claims 37 – 48 be placed in condition of allowance.

Newly presented independent claims 49 and 61 recite similar elements to that of independent claim 37 and patentably define over Fialli for at least the same reason with respect to claim 36. Insomuch as claims 50 – 60, and 62 – 70 depend directly or indirectly from claims 49 or 61 they too patentably define over Fialli. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that claims 49 – 70 be placed in condition of allowance.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowance of all the claims.

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